

HOSEA WEEK ONE STUDY QUESTIONS

Enacted Parables

1. In the first video, Paul talked about symbolic actions. What other examples have you seen or experienced, whether in Australia or in another culture overseas?
2. Christian sacraments such as marriage, baptism and communion all involve symbols and symbolic actions. How meaningful are these religious actions for you?
3. Read Hosea 1:1-3
 - a. Who does Hosea represent to the people?
 - b. Who does Gomer represent to the people?
4. What does Hosea 1:2 suggest about the connection between the enacted parable and Hosea's historical context? (hint: the word is used 3 times!)
5. What do you think of the way God uses a sexual scandal to communicate with his people? Does it seem fair to the prophet?
6. If God were to speak into our 21st century Australian context today through an enacted parable, what kinds of metaphors or symbols might he use?
7. Think back through your day. If parts of it were interpreted as an enacted parable, what message did you communicate?
8. Prophets are people called to speak on God's behalf. In what sense are all Christians called to do this?
9. Pray together about how your words and actions might reflect the heart of God this week.